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injuries.

"This week in practice, Matt was clearly kicking more consistently and better than Jerry," Clawson said. "The plan was to go with Jerry and then Tuesday Matt out-kicked him. Wednesday he out-kicked him (and) Thursday he out-kicked him."

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Norsic was also given an opportunity to play in a game earlier this season after an injury prevented Phillips from kicking field goals against Kent State. On that day, Norsic connected on a 21-yard field goal and three PATs.

Phillips has been in charge of every BG kickoff this season though; there have been problems with him getting the ball high on field goal tries, which is what forced Clawson to make that change.

Even before the injury, Phillips had been inconsistent, making just 7-of-11 field goals before being lifted at Kent State.

Fells

Linebacker Eugene Fells does not start for the Falcons, but he had one of the best defensive stat-lines for BG Saturday.

The junior was second on the team in tackles with 10 and also recorded a pass breakup and a sack for a 9-yard loss.

Fells has 27 tackles on the season, 3.5 of which have gone for a loss.

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corner into the back of the net, which Falcon keeper Dylan Schoettley couldn't save.

The Falcons responded almost immediately as Hartwick committed a hand ball foul in the box, leading to a penalty kick converted by Jacob Lawrence.

Lawrence, a converted defender, has been making the most of his time as forward, scoring four goals and setting up another in his last three games.

"We had some injuries and coach gave me the opportunity to move up front," Lawrence said. "So far it's worked out great for us."

Play resumed after the penalty conversion, but not until Hartwick's Dan Summers was sent off for dissent toward the referee.

With 10 minutes left in regulation the Falcons took the lead as Lawrence showed his versatility, doing well to head in a corner by Hunter Van Houten.

Up a goal and a man, the Falcons inexplicably decided to pack it in defensively, allowing Hartwick to attack with no threat of a Falcon counter-attack.

Three minutes later the Hawks had drawn even when Colin Armstrong was called for



ANDREA FEHL / THE BG NEWS

MY CHANCE: Senior Matt Norsic kicked field goals for the Falcons Saturday after Jerry Phillips' inconsistency and injuries caught up with him.

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Weekly dose of Barnes

Senior wide receiver extended his nation-leading marks in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns Saturday.

After a 14-reception, 172-yard performance, Barnes pushed his nation-leading marks to 99 and 1,054 while breaking a three-way tie atop the nation by grabbing a touchdown.

In addition, Barnes also broke Charles Sharon's school record for career receptions. Barnes needed six to break Sharon's record of 232 and now has 241.

He is still on pace (149) to

break to break Manny Hazard's 1989 NCAA record of 142 receptions in a season.

MAC stat of the week

Ball State and Eastern Michigan went into Saturday's game a combined 0-13, and the Cardinal passing attack was just about as ugly.

Ball State was without their starting quarterback Kelly Page after he was injured against BG last week, leaving backup Tanner Justice to start.

He was just 2-for-10 passing for 1 yard while Ball State used 463 rushing yards to secure the 29-27 win.



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CONVERSION: A converted defender, Jacob Lawrence (center) scored BG's two goals in a 2-2 draw against Hartwick yesterday.

a questionable foul in the box. "We went to a 4-5-1 formation and got pushed back too far," Nichols said. "We just let our lines get pushed too far back toward goal."

Both teams had chances in the extra session to score a game winner, but it was not to be as the clock ticked to zero with a tied score.

One bright spot for the Falcons has been the emergence of Ahmad Smith, who has been the team's first choice striker in the absence of Hepple.

Smith — a junior who has seen little playing time this season — scored the only goal for the Falcons at Michigan State last week and was a constant threat to do the same against Hartwick.

"We have had such a strong

progression from a few weeks ago until now," Smith said.

As for his individual play, he is glad he can help the team secure positive results.

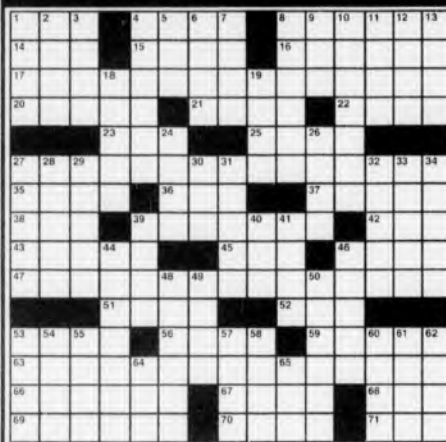
"It seems I can help the team a lot more up top," Smith said. "If Cameron can come back, and he can play with Jacob and [I], we could be unstoppable up front. It's a constant threat; a triple threat of speed, skill and height."

If Hepple can make it back for next weekend's match against Northern Illinois, those three players may indeed play together.

"I think we would love to see those three playing together," Nichols said. "It would be a pretty dangerous attack. It's just a matter of getting Cameron healthy."

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- 1 Perform in a play
- 4 Skilled
- 8 Check signers
- 14 1950 Edmond O'Brien suspense classic
- 15 Sliding
- 16 Hide out
- 17 49th state's largest city
- 20 Parking spot money taker
- 21 Sly
- 22 Grating sound
- 23 1/60 of a min.
- 25 "Was ___ hard on him?"
- 27 E.M. Forster classic set in fictional Chandrapore
- 35 "What ___ is new?"
- 36 Washroom, briefly
- 37 Is ahead
- 38 ___ for tat
- 39 Houses with sharply angled roofs, and what this puzzle's four longest answers literally have in

- common
- 42 Point to pick
- 43 Sam of "The Piano"
- 45 Dapper guy?
- 46 ___ about: approximately
- 47 Classic Italian "farewell" song
- 51 Far from tanned
- 52 Conclude
- 53 Loud crowd noise
- 56 Community service org.
- 59 Popeye's creator
- 63 Two-part drama that won two Best Play Tonys and a Best Miniseries Emmy
- 66 Freezing period
- 67 Pesky kid
- 68 Acne spot
- 69 Clinton press secretary Myers
- 70 Tax time VIPs
- 71 Commercials

DOWN

- Down
- 1 Eve's mate
- 2 Ice cream holder
- 3 Diplomat's forte
- 4 Has a crush on
- 5 NYC's Bronx, e.g.
- 6 Bread purchase
- 7 Thus, to a logician
- 8 ___ win: go all out
- 9 Afflict
- 10 Beginning of time, figuratively
- 11 Film lioness
- 12 Korean soldiers
- 13 Trade
- 18 "Steppenwolf" writer Hermann
- 19 Way off the turnpike
- 24 Young cow
- 26 Lubricates
- 27 Health Net rival
- 28 One with a trade
- 29 Moving about
- 30 Needle-toothed fish
- 31 Give the slip
- 32 "Hawaii Five-O" nickname
- 33 Figure of speech
- 34 Stars, in Latin
- 39 Thomas ___ Edison
- 40 Scuff or scratch
- 41 Suffix with differ
- 44 Interpret via mouth movements
- 46 Neatness
- 48 Paris palace
- 49 Moore of "Ghost"
- 50 Maps within maps
- 53 Vice squad action
- 54 A single time
- 55 "The African Queen" co-screenwriter
- 57 "The Suze Orman Show" channel
- 58 50-and-over org.
- 60 City near the Sphinx
- 61 Word before rain or rock
- 62 Sewer rodents
- 64 The "L" in XL: Abbr.
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"My favorite part [of the job] is interacting with people," he said, "and the fact that that interaction involves music."

This desire for interaction and exposure, as well as their appreciation for music, makes Finders' employees a valuable resource for assistance in obtaining that hard-to-find title.

"I really like helping people find stuff they have been looking for forever and they can't figure out," Haley said. "Then they try to find it here."

The enjoyment the employees derive from helping others is not lost on the customers either.

"The people are pretty helpful here," customer Jameson Czech said. "No one ever really gets in your face about anything, which is nice."

In staying true to its name, Finders is an excellent place to find music, even when the title is less mainstream.

"I come here because there is a lot more selection," customer Laura Conley said.

In today's age of the music download, however, it is no longer necessary to visit a brick-and-mortar location to acquire music. Online stores, such as iTunes, offer an extensive library of titles. Customers can purchase songs and download them straight onto a hard drive in a matter of minutes, never even requiring one to get dressed. The more recent introduction of downloadable "torrents," a form of file sharing often used to obtain music illegally, has enabled individuals to download entire discographies, free of charge. Halamay has felt the effects of this growing trend.

"The impact has been dramatic," he said. "Physical sales have almost been cut in half in the last 10 years or so."

It is interesting to learn then, why record stores like Finders are still able to maintain. The motivations of customers to purchase tangible albums vary from one individual to another, but all tend to carry a tone of respect for the musicians who created them.

"I like to support the artists," Czech said. "I still download stuff, but if I like something enough, I'll buy the album."

John, a Findlay native who wished to withhold his last name, said he does not download music on principle.

"Downloading, to me, is not honest," he said. "There's no romance in it."

John went on to say that the ability of a band to achieve a legitimate record deal and produce a tangible album is a measure of worth.

"Anyone with a digital recorder and Internet access can call themselves an artist," he said. "Convince a record company you have the talent to make it worth someone else's while."

Among Finders' customers, there tends to be a higher level of respect for tangible albums than for MP3 files. This is particularly true for vinyl, a medium John spoke of with great reverence.

"When you pick up an album, you're holding a piece of artwork," he said. "You're holding a piece of time."

In the history of owning the

VETERANS

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Center. "I know it was a big push to get [the issue] out there and it was one of the few bipartisan proposals, which both sides of the house worked on together."

This proposal would allow the state to issue up to \$200 million in bonds to veterans who served in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces any time during the Persian Gulf War and Afghanistan or Iraq conflicts.

The Ohio government would not create new taxes for the issue. A yes vote would allow the State of Ohio to sell bonds to raise the money to compensate veterans.

For veterans to be eligible for the compensation, they must have been Ohio residents when they began their service and upon their return. The amendment would also provide reimbursement for surviving family members.

Veterans who served in combat zones during these conflicts would receive \$100 every month up to but no more than \$1,000; veterans who were in active domestic or foreign service would receive \$50 a month

up to but no more than \$500; and a person medically discharged or medically retired from service due to combat-related disabilities sustained during the conflict is entitled to \$1,000. Surviving family members of veterans who served in these conflicts are entitled to a survivor's payment of \$5,000.

Armstrong, who plans to vote yes on the issue, believes supporting Issue 1 is a much needed thank-you to Ohio veterans.

"It supports them and sends a signal that we support you and we respect what you do," Armstrong said. "But the bottom line is this is our way, although modest, of saying thank you. We need to take care of our veterans."

Armstrong said this monthly bonus could make a difference in feeding these veterans' families.

"We have seen quite a few veterans return back with no job to go to," Armstrong said. "We have seen a spike in the number of veterans coming in and asking for assistance. But some don't because of the pride issue."

"We try to treat them as professionals and treat them in a way so they don't feel embarrassed," he said.

according to Ohio.com.

Vanderkooi cited the state of California as an example of "out-of-state activist," like the Humane Society coming in and regulating their agriculture industry. She said the regulations they put in place in California forced their chicken industry to Mexico.

"We're welcome to have a debate but not with someone who isn't from Ohio; some of them don't even eat meat," Vanderkooi said. "They say 'Farmers, you can't do this.'"

However proponents against the issue, like Mike Zicker, chair of the Wood County Democrats, believes the state of Ohio should negotiate with outside entities like the Humane Society of the United States. He attributes Michigan as an example of how Ohio could compromise with the society to benefit everyone involved.

However, Vanderkooi believes it doesn't look good for the agriculture industry in Ohio to be regulated by people who don't know the farming industry, but should be regulated by farmers because "they know what they are doing."

According to the official ballot

Adam Lawson, who has served two tours in Iraq, said it is hard to transition back into civilian life and many veterans don't have jobs because of the bad economy.

"When you get back here and you get home, you have something new every day," he said. "You don't have the same atmosphere and the same people around you. You do a complete 180 on yourself."

Lawson said for many veterans, this money could make or break it for their families; however, although he agrees with the bonuses, he realizes he signed up to go to combat.

"I don't expect free handouts for what I did because I signed up for it," he said. "I made the decisions to do it ... but it is another perk that you know you can have for the deed you did for your country and for sacrificing two, three or four years of your life."

No arguments were submitted to the Ohio Ballot Board opposing Issue 1, but the board did point out the issue would authorize the Ohio government to spend more in bond money.

"That is a lot of money and most people probably think we can't afford that right now," Lawson said,

language, the board would "prescribe standards for animal care and well-being that endeavor to maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised food and protect Ohio farms and families."

Ohio Farm Bureau and the Ohio Pork Producers have spent millions of dollars to try and convince voters Issue 2 will create safe, local food.

"Issue 2 assures a safe, locally grown food supply," Vanderkooi said. "It would reinforce consumer confidence."

Rachel Dickenson, a junior political science major, sides with Vanderkooi's viewpoint.

"I'm voting yes because it will protect Ohio's food supply, provide Ohioans with safe and locally grown products and benefits farmers, their families and our own families as well," she said.

Groups like the Ohio Farm Bureau and the Ohio Pork Producers claim farmers face substantially higher costs to operate, and higher food prices in grocery stores if outside groups regulate their agriculture industry.

However, Zicker said the Wood County Democrats endorsed a no vote against Issue 2 due to

WHAT ISSUE 1 MEANS

- The Issue: Issue 1 would allow the state to authorize up to \$200 million in bonds to provide compensation to veterans of the Persian Gulf War and the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts.
- Eligibility: For veterans to receive the bonus, they must have served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces during the Persian Gulf War or the Afghanistan and Iraq conflicts. This includes domestic and foreign service. The veteran must also be an Ohio resident before and after their deployment.
- Compensation: Veterans who saw active duty would receive \$100 every month up to but no more than \$1,000; veterans who were in active domestic or foreign service would receive \$50 a month up to but no more than \$500. Surviving family members are entitled to a survivor's payment of \$5,000. Veterans are entitled to authorize the bond payments to give compensation to veterans.
- A yes vote would allow the state to authorize the bond payments to give compensation to veterans.
- A no vote would not allow the state to authorize bond payments to give compensation to veterans.

of people who might be against the issue. "They want to say, 'OK, I am doing my part in helping Ohio with Issue 3 (casinos), why should I help them get jobs?'"

Lawson and Armstrong said despite the hard economic times in Ohio, they believe Issue 1 will pass Nov. 3. A form of this issue has been proposed in the past for veterans of World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam all giving bonuses

to those who served. The choice to give those bonuses had been given to Ohio voters who passed the issues.

"I don't think this will have a problem passing through because I believe people have good hearts and they will help out the veterans that helped out this country," Lawson said. "If it does get shot down, I will be very shocked."

ISSUE 2 BROKEN DOWN

- The Issue: Issue 2 would require the state to create the Livestock Care Standards Board to prescribe standards for animal care and well-being to maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised food and protect Ohio farms and families.
- The Board: The Livestock Care Standards Board would be comprised of 13 members throughout the agriculture industry, including farming organizations, food safety experts, veterinarians, consumers and the head of the agriculture department at an Ohio college or university.
- A yes vote means the amendment would pass and a Livestock Care Standards Board would be instigated.
- A no vote means a Livestock Care Standards Board wouldn't be instigated.

local farmers who protested the issue.

"Our committee felt this was an assault on family farms and a way to protect factory farms," Zicker said. "That is why we voted anonymously for the no vote."

Zicker said he believes the definition of the board is unclear and he feels there are already mechanisms and structures in place to take care of the issue the board would address.

Vanderkooi said the most important component of the issue is to protect Ohio's family

farms and Issue 2 is a step in that direction.

"We need to do what is reasonable to Ohio farmers," she said.

Lifetime farmer Phil Bresler believes this board is to protect mega farms and not small local farmers.

"The ordinary farmer takes care of their livestock," he said. "Farmers have been taking care of their livestock, making them comfortable so they can produce and perform."

Editor's Note: Campus Editor Becky Tener contributed to this article.

will be different.

"They've definitely gone for it in an environment that works in their favor this time," he said.

ISSUE 3

- The Issue in a Nut Shell: Issue 3 would authorize one casino to be built in a specific location in the cities of Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo. Each casino would be levied a fixed tax of 33 % on its revenue and required to pay a \$50 million fee for state job training, as well as make a \$250 million investment in its facility.
- Levy distribution: 51% of the total levy will be distributed to the 88 counties based on each county's population. Half of each county's distribution will go to its largest city if the city's population is above 80,000.
- 34% of the total will be distributed among all public school districts.
- 5% among the cities hosting a casino.
- 3% to the Ohio casino control commission.
- 3% to the Ohio state racing commission fund.
- 2% to a state law enforcement training fund.
- 2% to a state problem gambling and addictions fund.
- Regulation: Issue 3 will allow all of the casino gaming types authorized in Michigan, West Virginia, Indiana and Pennsylvania as of Jan. 1, 2009. The Ohio casino control commission will be created to license and regulate the casinos.
- Casinos will be subject to all state and local laws regarding health and building codes, but not to local zoning, land use laws, regulations or provisions that would prohibit casino development or operation.
- A yes vote means you approve of amending the Ohio constitution to allow one casino each in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo.
- A no vote means you disapprove of amending the Ohio constitution to allow one casino each in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus and Toledo.

CASINO

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Each casino's gross revenue would be taxed a fixed rate of 33 percent, which would be distributed to each county based on population. Thirty-four percent of the total would also be used for public schools. A bipartisan committee called "Ohio casino control commission" would be created to regulate and license the casinos.

David Jackson, associate professor in the political science department, said the issue comes at a time when the economy is in a terrible state.

"We've got an economy that says 'We've got to do something,'" he said.

According to Yes On Issue 3's Web site, the casinos would create 34,000 new jobs in Ohio and generate an estimated \$586 million total for Ohio's counties, cities and schools.

Another issue is about the 33 percent levy, which is one of the lowest among all states with legalized gambling, TruthPac's Web site said. In Maryland, a

casino recently agreed to pay 67 percent in taxes, the Web site stated.

Freshman Catie Good said she plans to vote in favor of the issue because it will increase Ohio's employment rate.

"It opens up more jobs, which we are in need of with our economy," she said.

Jackson said these jobs will vary.

"Some of those jobs are good high-paying jobs, some are kind of entry level low-paying jobs," Jackson said. "But when you've got the kind of unemployment that we have, it's always good to have more jobs."

The TruthPAC Web site said the problem is that over half of the jobs will be temporary.

Jackson said the issue will benefit because it's placed on an off-year ballot, which brings a lower turn-out of voters. It also has more support from unions than it has in the past, he said.

"It definitely looks like most of the unions in Ohio are behind it; those are people you can count on to actually turn out to vote, when the time comes," he said.

Yes On Issue 3's Web site said revenue from the casinos would be used to help revitalize downtown areas.

Each casino would be required to commit \$250 million to its facility for a total of a \$1 billion investment from all four

casinos.

Jackson said casinos would likely attract more convention business to cities, such as Toledo, which are lacking in entertainment venues.

TruthPAC's Web site said that the language in the amendment does not even require a casino to be built.

Jackson said this seems unlikely though.

"I don't know of any referendum that has been approved for casino gambling that hasn't resulted in the construction of casinos," he said.

Sophomore Lindsay Davis said she isn't planning to vote in favor of Issue 3.

"I have a feeling there are a lot of loopholes for the casinos to jump through," she said.

TruthPAC's Web site said one loop hole is that cash wagering would not be used to determine profits and would not factor into taxes.

Jackson said this is not the first time casinos have been on the ballots.

"It has been a fairly large number of times, I remember the last one was just to build one casino and have it be owned by just a single operator, that was in the presidential year if I'm not mistaken," he said. "And that one didn't come anywhere near passing."

He said it seems like this year

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Peeling back the truth on buying organic foods

By Lin Chafetz
Reporter

The debate whether organic foods are worth the price was presented at yesterday Brown Bag Lunch series by Lisa Arose and Michelle Schotter.

Starting for the case of organic foods was an explanation of the labeling system used in grocery stores.

"It's kind of confusing," Schotter said. "The USDA [United States Department of Agriculture] approved label is the one which means it's 100 percent organic."

Other labeling could include "organic," meaning 95 percent organic; "made with organic," meaning 70 percent organic; and then "natural," "sustainable" and

"cage free," which doesn't mean organic at all, Schotter said.

However, the label may be deceiving, Arose said.

"It takes seven years for the USDA approval," she said. "They have to make sure all pesticides are completely out of the soil."

While the farmer may be participating in organic practices, the label may not be present, so always ask, Arose said.

Talk then turned to whether organic foods have the potential to be healthier for buyers or the environment, including the vitamin content of the foods and the lack of pesticides' impact on the environment.

"Organic food is so much more expensive. But it's definitely given me a lot to think about, especially how everything comes together."

DeeDee Wentland | History staff member

"The lack of pesticides is definitely healthier for people," Schotter said. "And they also help to conserve water."

The tip to buying organic is to think locally.

"If you're really concerned about the environment, think about the fossil fuels," she said. "If it's organic, but comes from California, is it really helping?"

Tips were also given for attendees to help determine which products should be bought organically, including peaches, strawberries, potatoes, peanut butter, baby food and others.

"Those foods which retain water, also retain more pesticides," Arose said.

In order to keep pesticides out of foods, advice was given to grow plants

when possible, or to at least wash and peel fruits and vegetables.

"A lot of people don't know that you're supposed to wash bananas," said DeeDee Wentland, history staff member.

Fruits and vegetables with a peel such as bananas, cantaloupes and mangos also need to be washed, because when cutting them, the pesticides can come in from the outside in, Arose said.

The luncheon ended with the making of fresh hummus and advice to "make your own food" whenever possible.

"Organic food is so much more expensive," Wentland said. "But it's definitely given me a lot to think about, especially how everything comes together."

Whipple visits USG, presses tough questions

By Matt Liasse
Reporter

Vice President of Student Affairs Edward Whipple visited the Undergraduate Student Government last night, challenging them to question themselves and their positions.

Whipple reinforced what President Carol Cartwright said when she visited the meeting last week. He shared with the members what he felt makes a good student government.

"I have worked with some fantastic student governments and some that might've needed some help," Whipple said, after sharing that he has worked with student affairs for 16 years.

He compared USG to football seasons, saying that sometimes you have winning seasons as well as losing seasons. Whipple then shared what it takes to be an effective member of USG.

"It is critical to be a voice for the students and articulate issues, whether you agree or not," he said.

Whipple said it takes commitment, understanding, improvement and focus on communication. He said USG members need to understand Cartwright's priorities and focus on big issues, ensuring that they do not get hung up on the smaller issues.

He also said the USG members serve as role models.

Whipple shared the priorities of the University, which include enrollment management, focus on diversity and the financial situation.

He concluded by challenging the members of USG by questioning if they know what USG is and what its main goals are. Whipple questioned how they can engage students, improve the quality of

"It is critical to be a voice for the students and articulate issues..."

Ed Whipple | VP Student Affairs

instruction and diversity. He said that answering these questions are "fundamental to making a strong university."

He also touched base on the budget controversy that was presented by Cartwright last week, saying, "the nonacademic side [of the University] has taken as big a hit as the academic side."

Kiosk

The discussion about a possible kiosk was brought up again last night.

Student Welfare Committee Chair Christopher Schiazza proposed a trial run, where members of USG will stand in the Union during peak times before they actually purchase the kiosk in order to assure that it will be a wise purchase.

College of Business Sen. Nicholas North thought the idea for the trial run was worth a try and stressed that he would like to see the kiosk being "utilized for its purpose, and not just sit in the closet."

College of Education and Human Development Sen. Joe Edens questioned if the kiosk was "100 percent necessary."

"Is that really a good way to spend money?" he said.

Schiazza shared that he felt it was a wise investment for USG because it would be professional and set USG apart from other groups on campus.

USG Budget

USG Treasurer Brian Gerker shared with the members the expenses made between Sept. 30 and Oct. 25. In that time, USG spent \$1,186.53, including \$701 on an order for new shirts and \$150.80 for new name tags. The USG budget is completely funded by student fees.

Medieval

Former USG member Dominique Simms spoke at the meeting about the new campus organization, BGSU Medieval Society. She asked that the senators inform students about the new group that is a "group of energetic peoples who are fascinated with recreating the Middle Ages." The group will be planning and advertising this semester, and next semester the group will begin doing reenactments.

City Council

City Liaison Dan Caldwell encouraged everyone to vote in the Nov. 3 elections, saying that two University students, Jacob Redfern and Rob Emmelhainz, will be running for city council.

First Ward Councilman Redfern was also present at the meeting and said that not only does USG serve the campus, but it also has a responsibility to the city.

He said, as of right now, he is working with others to increase the current \$50 penalty fee for any person who leaves their trash cans out over night, because it "decreases the beauty" of Bowling Green and because it's a hazard to pedestrians.

Shuttle Fee

Schiazza also said informational meetings to discuss the shuttle fee, which has been discussed at previous meetings, will be held tomorrow and Nov. 12 in 117 Olscamp. Voting for all students will take place Nov. 16 and 17 via a link on the University Web site.



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Hats off to donations for Haiti

LIDS: Seniors Raymond King, Lucius Ramsey and Brother M.A. Rothschild look at hats from the BLDG store that are being sold at the Union tables this week. The hats are being sold by members of the Entrepreneurs for Giving Back Fridays organization that sells products from local businesses and gets a portion of the proceeds to donate to orphanages in Haiti.

FIGURE

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and share opinions.

Currently, the group is developing an American Sign Language Social to promote deaf awareness. The event, said Doremus, will include various games that are applicable to the issue, such as charades, and will also give people the opportunity to practice sign language and speak with deaf individuals. The purpose for these events, said Doremus, is to show students that people with disabilities are just like everyone else.

The organization is based out of the Office of Disability Services, which acts as a resource and adviser. The office helps the group with any administrative details necessary in organizing events, as well as offering any other support they can provide.

"The organization as a whole is very positive," said the office's co-advisor to the group, Stephanie Volbrecht. "They do a really good job advocating for anyone who has a disability."

Though the group has some loose support from the Office of Disability Services, they are very much an autonomous entity. The majority of their workings, funding and direction is managed only by the guiding hands of the student members. This strength to stand alone on an issue so large is the subject of praise from administrative officials like Trinka Messingheimer.

Messingheimer is the director of the School of Intervention Services, one of the five colleges comprising the College of Education and Human Development. The group's independence and self-sustenance is highly commendable, she said.

"FIGURE is a stand-alone organization," she said. "They have

worked very hard to put a group together to bring different kinds of programming and awareness to the University for people with disabilities."

For the future of the organization, President Doremus would like to see an increased group membership — the group has about 15 members presently and meets every other Monday at 6 p.m. in the Business Administration building room 106. In addition to growth, Doremus would like to hone the group's focus, turning it inward towards the University.

"We have focused a lot on the community and helping out people within the community who have disabilities," Doremus said. "But there are a lot of organizations who already do that. There are very few organizations that do advocacy here on campus to bring awareness to people here, and that is where I would like us to go."



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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What issue would you like to see Ohio politicians deal with?



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TAYLOR TUCKER,
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Physical Therapy



"They need to do something for Ohio jobs."

RYAN BRAHAM,
Sophomore,
Film Production



"Abolish capital punishment to ensure no one innocent gets sent to death row."

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"I'd like to see more post-secondary education funding."

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Banning offensive words can still be detrimental to society



KYLE SCHMIDLIN
FORUM EDITOR

The most basic truth about a fundamental right many hold higher than any other — freedom of speech — is that it either applies to those with whom we vehemently disagree, or it doesn't apply to anyone at all.

Once in a while, statements or words can land people in very real trouble. During times of war, the government clamps down on seditious statements. But even during times of peace, there are limits to what people can and cannot say. One word is packed with so much venom that its utterance guarantees a public backlash, and some people go so far as to suggest it ought to be banned.

The 'N' word is probably the most notorious and vile word currently in the English language. Other words might carry high levels of offensiveness, but none cut as deep and target so ruthlessly an entire group of people.

On Thursday at 6 p.m. in Union 316, a forum will be held on whether the word ought to be banned outright. The arguments for banning the word seem compelling. It has a long history of being used to keep black people down and in a supposedly post-racial society, Americans should swear it off completely.

However, banning the word is just a superficial attempt to control thought. If by some magical process, the word is removed from history and the minds of every American, institutionalized racism

and racist thoughts will continue.

It would be better if society moved forward in more meaningful ways. Rather than patting ourselves on the back for the great strides we have made towards moving toward a post-racial society, we ought to acknowledge that race in America is still an issue and won't go away by willful ignorance and the prohibition of certain kinds of language. True, the heroes of the Civil Rights movement are to be applauded and great strides have been — and continue to be — made, but the work is far from complete.

Recently, there has been concern that much of the ire opponents of President Obama display toward the man stems from racial tensions or hatred. Former President Jimmy Carter came under fire for statements, disowned by the Obama administration, that some of the most extreme elements are almost certainly racially inspired. While I can't vouch for the accuracy of Carter's allegations, it doesn't seem as wild and far-fetched as pundits responding to him made it seem. During the campaign, polls were held asking whether America was "ready for a black president." That the nation might even need to prepare for such a thing reveals how much further we still have to go.

There is also an argument to be said that some of the power the word carries comes from its suppression. The unspoken nature of it gives it more force than it deserves. Perhaps this explains why certain elements of the black community, in cities and other places, use the word so casually to refer to one another — it allows them to blunt some of the damage the word is capable of causing.

As a white man, it isn't my job to explain the harshness and pain the 'N' word can cause. Nor is it the job of white pundits on television news to declare racism a moot point. Neither they nor I can begin to understand how deeply the 'N' word wounds those it targets.

But I also cannot imagine the banning of the word bringing about any meaningful improvements in living conditions for anybody. To paraphrase comedian Wanda Sykes, no black person's life was ever made better by the phony liberal proclamation that it was more proper to refer to them as "African Americans."

Political correctness is diluting meaningful debate in our society. When Don Imus or Michael Richards make hateful remarks, they are immediately chastised and held to account. It isn't clear to me whether this is good or not, but it seems to reduce the long history of popular struggle to opportunistic lawyers and petty fines and forced apologies.

Worse, it may even be detrimental to any cause of racial unity. It is impossible to properly understand the centuries-long struggle without the word, the only one with the ability to convey the horror of a history of slavery and oppression.

Rather than bringing about an Orwellian society of phony politesse, we should work to evolve a culture in which the word is not banned, but it brings so much shame to anybody who speaks it that it becomes voluntarily and completely unspoken.

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STAFF EDITORIAL | POLITICS

Know the issues before hitting the voting booth

Power resides in your hands next Tuesday, exercised through a simple check mark.

The significance of this check mark exists in the form of a yes or no vote on the Nov. 3 ballot. And your decisions will affect residents in Bowling Green and across the entire state.

Now is the time to ask yourself: do you know the issues? Do you know the candidates?

Not knowing what you will be voting for next week is unwise. You have been given the power by the federal government to vote on these issues. Take advantage of the opportunity. Voting yes or no without knowing the consequences of an issue is equivalent to taking a drink at a party without asking what is in it.

So, we are asking you. Take some time. Sit down and read. Know the ballot. Don't vote yes or no because of what your friends say. Vote how you want to vote and use the power given to you by the Constitution.

At sos.state.oh.us, all three issues on the November ballot

can be explored. Offered on the site is each issue (verbatim), official arguments both for and against and a report on each issue by the Office of Budget Management on the potential costs of each amendment.

Issue 1 concerns compensation for Ohio residents who are veterans of the Persian Gulf War and the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts. Issue 2 involves standards for the raising and maintenance of livestock, providing certain living conditions for the animals. Issue 3 would allow the construction of casinos in several Ohio cities.

(We've even laid out the issues in detail on page 1 of this issue.)

But state issues aren't the only element to pop up on the ballot. City council elections are on the docket too. Who is running for your ward? Do you know? What do they stand for?

These questions can be answered simply with some time. So, be an informed voter on election day and don't fly blind in the voter booth — you might regret your actions later.

Miley Cyrus bridges age gap, cranks out catchy tunes

By Chad Honeycutt
Guest Columnist

I'm guilty. You are guilty. We are all guilty.

We all love Miley Cyrus, let's just put that on the table right now. I am sure most of us have heard it uttered by one of our friends at last call at the bar: "I like this song, I don't care what anybody says." I've said I love "Party in the U.S.A." and stood by my drunken proclamation of love for all things Cyrus.

What's even better is that I don't pretend to have a wealth of knowledge when it comes to music. I generally like anything that doesn't try to move me or tap into any hidden emotional scars I have worked so hard to bury in my soul.

I mean, music is supposed to make you happy, right? Who wants to hear about a guy who has loved and lost when you could just as easily listen to Britney Spears talking

about how unfair life is when you're wealthy and debatably attractive, or any mainstream hip-hop artist explaining the importance of too much alcohol or their nautical location, usually on a boat, on a boat, on a boat.

What makes Miley Cyrus so wonderful and different is this: she has successfully bridged the music age gap and she's 12 or something. Last year, typical Miley fans were 7-year-old girls with pink Barbie sheets and an active interest in ballet or Dora the Explorer. They knew her as Hannah Montana, the undercover country singer who just wanted to be a normal girl. (And no, I don't have the seasons on DVD.)

Fast forward to present day, Bowling Green and fans are binge-drinking, polo-wearing, Blackberry-toting college students who cannot resist when Cyrus dictates for us to raise our hands in the air and party in the U.S.A. Normally I don't

need someone, especially a 17-year-old who has yet to grow into her teeth, to tell me to party, but for some reason, I just listen to Miley.

With this awesome power that Cyrus possesses, I think we should employ her to do other good things. Maybe we can have her work in tandem with President Obama to smooth out international relations, replacing "U.S.A." with whatever country is having a problem. The Middle East could be a peaceful place again if Miley cranked out some hits in Iraq — hey, it's just a thought.

Or maybe with her powers, Miley can help other musical artists drag themselves out of the showbiz gutter and start generating hits again (I don't know how much longer I can listen to Sean Paul). On a side note, I am still astounded something so wonderful could be the spawn of Billy Ray Cyrus and his tawdry affair with a mullet, but Miley

defied the odds and has touched our hearts.

My affections for Miley will soon be stomped on when a hip-hop artist will inevitably sample her song, and inject all things not Miley — like strippers and champagne — and our perfect Cyrus universe will be thrown to the dogs. I am going to try to hold on to the innocent and sweet Miley we all know and love

until she is on the front page of the "Enquirer," passed out face down in a pool of her own sick, or until Chris Brown gets his hands on her. Let's hope that never happens.

Above all else, Miley has taught me two important lessons. First, Miley has shown me the importance of pop music again. She has the potential to be the next Mother Theresa — Miley Theresa. I have

confidence in her abilities to solve all world problems with her angelic voice and playful, patriotic lyrics. Second, wear deodorant if you are going to follow her directions. Trust me.

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NATION BRIEFS

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Alabama judge cleared of sex abuse in inmate spanking

MOBILE, Ala. — A former Alabama judge was cleared yesterday of charges that he spanked and sexually abused male inmates.

Former Mobile County Circuit Judge Herman Thomas was found not guilty on seven counts after more than a week of testimony. Judge Claud Neilson threw out the remaining 14 charges.

Thomas wept and hugged his wife and supporters after the judge threw out the remaining charges. He left court without comment. As he left, one supporter threw her hands in the air and shouted, "Thank you Jesus." Other supporters gathered in a circle to pray.

Defense attorneys had painted the 48-year-old as a prominent civic leader who became a victim of felons who lied about him to manipulate the court system.

Prosecutors said Thomas brought 11 young male inmates to a private courthouse office and severely paddled their bare bottoms for sexual gratification. Some of the inmates testified they had sexual contact with the judge.

— Phillip Rawls (AP)

Fourth suspect pleads in case of slain Vermont man

NORTH HAVERHILL, N.H. — A New Hampshire man charged in the murder of a developmentally disabled Wal-Mart cashier who'd been flirting with his girlfriend pleaded guilty yesterday to lesser charges, admitting he helped orchestrate the attack from his jail cell.

Michael Robie, 19, who became enraged after being told of the advances by victim Christopher Gray, was captured on recorded telephone calls plotting to avenge them. Gray, who had attention deficit disorder and a low IQ, was stabbed to death in October 2008 after being lured to the home of Robie's girlfriend, Amber Talbot.

Talbot, Timothy Smith and Anthony Howe all pleaded guilty last month to conspiracy and second-degree murder, acknowledging their roles in the killing.

"I think that every single one of them stuck that knife in him," said a tearful Shirley Kingsbury, Gray's aunt, in an interview outside court yesterday. "Not any one of them should have gotten any lesser than life, if not more. They don't seem to value what a human life is, or they never would have committed something so brutal and violent."

Gray worked as a cashier at the Wal-Mart in nearby Woodsville, where Talbot worked in the health and beauty aids section and Smith worked in a sub shop.

— John Curran (AP)

Small plane vanishes from radar in south Texas

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A small plane with four people aboard is missing in southern Texas after vanishing from radar shortly after the pilot reported encountering turbulence.

A Federal Aviation Administration spokesman says the last known position of the twin-turboprop Beechcraft King Air was about 40 miles from Corpus Christi. It vanished from FAA radar before noon yesterday.

FAA spokesman Lynn Lunsford says the plane was flying from Uvalde to Leesburg, Fla., when controllers at FAA's Houston Center noticed it was losing altitude.

Lunsford says the pilot reported that turbulence was making it difficult to maintain his altitude of 25,000 feet. Radio and radar contact was lost shortly thereafter.

Victim: Harvard coffee poisoning not an accident

BOSTON (AP) — One of six Harvard Medical School researchers who became ill after drinking coffee laced with a toxic chemical says he does not see how it could have been accidental.

Matteo Iannacone (mah-TAY'-oh eye-a-nah-KOH'-nee), a postdoctoral fellow, told The Associated Press yesterday that he immediately noticed a "weird" taste when he took a sip of an espresso he poured from a coffee maker near his research lab on Aug. 26. Within moments, he felt dizziness and a rapid heartbeat but says his symptoms cleared rapidly.

Iannacone was informed last week that toxicology tests showed the coffee was laced with sodium azide (az-IDE'), a chemical preservative that is used in many research labs in the building.

He says he has no idea who might have been responsible but is certain it wasn't a joke.

Harvard University police are investigating.

Arizona State University police investigating campus suicide

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Arizona State University police say a graduate student fatally shot himself in a professor's office.

ASU police commander James Hardina says the shooting occurred about 11:40 a.m. yesterday.

Police say the student was apparently talking with a professor when he pulled out a gun and shot himself once on ASU's main campus in Tempe.

The name of the student has not been released.

Calendar pokes fun at Mormon mom stereotype

SALT LAKE CITY — The latest installment of a calendar series that pokes fun at Mormon stereotypes is putting a twist on motherhood.

The "Hot Mormon Muffins: A Taste of Motherhood" calendar features 12 mothers who claim membership in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in vintage pinup picture poses. Each month also has a muffin recipe.

It's a companion piece to "Men on a Mission," the three-year series of calendars that featured 12 male church missionaries who doffed their signature white shirts.

Last year, a dustup over the calendar ultimately cost its creator, Las Vegas entrepreneur Chad Hardy, his membership in the church and his diploma from the church-owned Brigham Young University.

Hardy said the projects are designed to shake up stereotypes that paint Mormons in general as stuffy or hyper-conservative and mothers in particular as homemakers from another era.

— Jennifer Dobner (AP)

U.S. hits out at bid to bar religious defamation

By Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration yesterday came out strongly against efforts by Islamic nations to bar the defamation of religions, saying the moves would restrict free speech.

"Some claim that the best way to protect the freedom of religion is to implement so-called anti-defamation policies that would restrict freedom of expression and the freedom of religion," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told reporters. "I strongly disagree."

Clinton said the United States was opposed to negative depictions of specific faiths and would always fight against belief-based discrimination. But she said a person's ability to practice their religion was entirely unrelated to another person's right to free speech.

"The protection of speech about religion is particularly important since persons of different faith will inevitably hold divergent views on religious questions," Clinton said. "These differences should be met with tolerance, not with the suppression of discourse."

Her comments came as the Organization of the Islamic Conference, a 56-nation bloc of Islamic countries, is pressing the U.N. Human Rights Council to

"The protection of speech about religion is particularly important ..."

Hillary Clinton | Secretary of State

adopt a resolution that would broadly condemn the defamation of religion.

The effort is widely seen as a reaction to perceived anti-Islamic incidents, including the publication in Europe of several cartoons depicting the Prophet Mohammed.

Michael Posner, the assistant U.S. secretary of state for human rights, democracy and labor whose office prepares the religious freedom report, said the resolution "goes too far."

"The notion that a religion can be defamed and that any comments that are negative about that religion can constitute a violation of human rights to us violates the core principle of free speech," he said.

Posner was part of a delegation at the Human Rights Council that successfully negotiated with Egypt a compromise over another similar resolution that had aimed to condemn religion-related harassment or discrimination.

Ohio can't find doctors to offer execution advice

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio was on track this year to execute a record number of inmates. One botched execution and several lawsuits later, the death penalty is temporarily on hold there.

The latest challenge: The state can't find medical professionals willing to advise it on the best way to put condemned inmates to death because of ethical and professional rules.

The rules — which generally prohibit doctors, nurses and others from involvement in capital punishment — are deterring those professionals from speaking publicly or privately about alternatives to the state's lethal injection process, Attorney General Richard Cordray said in a court filing.

"A small number of promising leads have emerged, but identifying qualified medical personnel willing and able to provide advice

"The role of a physician is that of healer. To be involved in capital punishment in any manner, even in an advisory capacity, undermines that role."

Dr. Rebecca Patchin | AMA Board Chairman

to the State regarding lethal injection options continues to be challenging and time-consuming," Cordray said in the Friday filing in U.S. District Court.

Executions have stopped while the state develops new injection policies following a Sept. 15 execution that was halted because the inmate had no suitable veins.

The state has reached out to judges, police and lawmakers for help in trying to find medical professionals willing to talk to the state, according to the filing written on Cordray's behalf by Charles Wille, head of Cordray's death penalty unit.

Cordray also said five lawmak-

ers he didn't identify have agreed to try to find medical staff to help.

The state has a two-year, \$33,200 contract with just one doctor, Mark Dershowitz of Massachusetts, a lethal injection expert who frequently testifies on behalf of states in lethal injection cases.

Dershowitz, an expert witness for Ohio at a March trial challenging the state's injection system, is the only doctor the state is currently talking to, said Julie Walburn, a prisons department spokeswoman.

Missouri encountered a similar problem in 2006 after a federal judge ordered the state to revamp its execution procedures, including using a board-certified anesthesiologist.

The Corrections Department met with resistance from anesthesiologists wary of crossing an ethical line that could cost them their practice. The American Medical Association prohibits its members from participating in executions, including anything that would "contribute to the ability of another individual to directly cause the death of the condemned."

"The role of a physician is that of healer," Dr. Rebecca Patchin, the AMA board chairman, said yesterday. "To be involved in capital punishment in any manner, even in an advisory capacity, undermines that role."

At least two emergency medical technicians have served on the Ohio execution team in the past, including the longtime executioner who retired in June. Prison nurses sometimes deliver prescription medicine to inmates awaiting execution.

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VOLLEYBALL

Luther named MAC Player of the Week

Senior Shari Luther was named the Mid-American Conference East Division Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season. Luther had a successful weekend, hitting .484 against Ball State and .429 against Toledo while also recording 29 total kills. She had just two errors on the weekend and recorded two aces.

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OUR CALL

Today in

Sports History

1986—The New York Mets finish off the Red Sox in an infamous World Series.

1985—The New York Yankees front office members fire Billy Martin — for the fourth time.

The List

Freddie Barnes was named a semifinalist for the 2009 Fred Biletnikoff Award. Here are five reasons he was nominated:

1. Receiving yards:

Barnes leads the nation in receiving yards with 1,054 and set a BG single-game record with 278 yards against Kent State.

2. Receptions:

Barnes also leads the nation in receptions with 99, which ties the BG single-season record and leads the nation. He was one reception short of tying an NCAA record with 22 grabs against Kent State.

3. Touchdowns:

Barnes also leads the nation in receiving touchdowns with nine. Seven of those scores came during the past four games.

4. Leadership: As a dedicated leader, Barnes' character likely helped vault him onto the list of semifinalists.

5. Consistency:

Through eight games, Barnes has caught at least 10 passes six times. The only two teams to keep him to fewer receptions were Ohio (7) and Boise State (4).



GANG UP: Central Michigan quarterback Dan LeFevour is tackled by BG's Brandon Jackson (left), Nick Torresso (bottom) and Keith Morgan (right) during Saturday's game.

Running blind

LeFevour latest to take advantage of BG run defense

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

And in a flash, he was gone again.

For the sixth time this season, an opposing player rushed for more than 100 yards against the Falcon defense. Against Central Michigan Saturday, it was quarterback Dan LeFevour.

Following in the tracks left behind by Missouri's Derrick Washington, Marshall's Darius Marshall, Boise State's Doug Martin, Ohio's Chris Garrett and Ball State's MiQuale Lewis, LeFevour torched the Falcon defense for 128 yards on 22 carries.

Coming into the game as the team's leading rusher with 394 yards and a career total of 2,629 yards, it wasn't a surprise to see the senior quarterback take off on his own so often against an inexperienced, undersized BG defense.

As one of the few veterans on defense, safety Jahmal Brown, said the team came into the game prepared but didn't execute well enough to stop LeFevour's attack.

"We had a pretty good defensive game plan," Brown said. "It was a matter of going out and executing. We missed a lot of tackles today."

Missing blocks and tackles has been the case all season, as first-year coach

Dave Clawson has put forth that excuse several times this season after a weak performance against the run. These problems have caused his defense to fall to 112th in the country.

"We have not really defended the run well all year," Clawson said on Saturday. "We're a little undersized up front, we're not getting off of blocks and we're missing too many tackles. The film's out there, and people see it."

And unless something changes, the Falcons will likely continue to get run

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Barnes deserves acceptance as top receiver



ANDREW HARNER
SPORTS EDITOR

If you mentioned the name Freddie Barnes to someone across the country last season, you likely would have gotten some fairly strange looks.

Had you done the same thing at the beginning of this season, the same thing probably would have happened.

But now, his name is becoming more synonymous with stud receiver and Biletnikoff semifinalist than dull looks from college football fans.

Named one of 10 semifinalists for the 2009 Fred Biletnikoff Award, which is given annually to college football's best wide receiver, Barnes is getting deserved credit for a stellar senior season, as his name is placed alongside Heisman Trophy candidate Jordan Shipley and other stars such as Notre Dame's Golden Tate and Minnesota's Eric Decker.

But if you ask the Barn Burner what he thinks of it all, he'll tell you all the credit belongs to his teammates. When asked what he thought of possibly being named a finalist on Oct. 14, Barnes was very humbled.

"That would mean a lot, because as a competitor, everybody wants to be the best and coming into the season you want to put your best foot forward," Barnes said. "That would just mean some guys appreciated some of the things I've done thus far."

Those guys are a committee of more than 50 prominent journalists, commentators, announcers and former players put together by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, according to the official Biletnikoff Award Web site. Past winners of the award include Randy Moss, Larry Fitzgerald and Michael Crabtree and most winners have had respectable NFL careers.

The three finalists will be announced on Nov. 19.

Barnes was also asked that day what he would think about

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ANOTHER WIN: The Falcon rugby team is now 3-0 in the Midwest after defeating Notre Dame.

BG rugby continues winning streak

By CJ Watson
Reporter

"He just moves so quick. Once he gets going, he's almost untouchable."

Roger Mazzarella | On Rocco Mauer

After being moved to full back for the game, Rocco Mauer found his way through Notre Dame and led the BG rugby team this weekend, scoring three tries in the contest.

Despite playing without two of the team's key players — prop Duane Miller and flanker Tony Brown — the Falcons handled Notre Dame Sunday, winning the contest 28-8 as the A-squad remained undefeated in the

Midwest League at 3-0. The team's overall record is 18-2 as the B- and C-squads also won at South Bend.

The first 20 minutes resembled a chess match, where neither team could get anywhere close to the goal line. The second part of the first half was

much different, as the Falcons opened up the field and exploited the Fighting Irish's forward-oriented style of play.

Nick Viviani started where he left off last week, scoring the

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Falcons post strong results in final fall tournament

By Morgan Carlson
Reporter



CHRISTINE CHIRICOSTA

Went 3-0 in singles action on the last fall weekend

Though team scores were not kept at this weekend's Belmont Fall Invitational, it was clear that the BG women's tennis team was at the top of the pack, with a 16-6 singles record and 9-2 doubles mark for the two-day tournament.

Marking the end of the fall tennis season, the four-team tournament was held in Nashville, Tenn., and hosted by Belmont University.

In singles action, Christine Chiricosta went 3-0 and Jessica Easdale posted a 2-0 record. Katia Babina, Maddy Eccleston, Katie Grubb, Jade Johnson and Samantha Kintzel each defeated two of their opponents before finishing with 2-1 scores across the board. Mary-Catherine Beck ended the tournament with a 1-1 record.

The tournament was held indoors at the Centennial Sportsplex, and this indoor play is a preview of what is to come for the majority of the spring season. Indoor play is different, but not always a bad thing, according to Johnson.

"Playing indoors doesn't affect our matches for the most part," Johnson said. "At times, playing indoors is an advantage, because the wind, the weather

and the climate outside can sometimes give us a disadvantage and mess up our game styles.

"Some [members] of our team love playing outdoors, and some love playing indoors. Playing indoors is a really just a preference."

For the Falcons, this was their first time in the South, playing against BU, Chattanooga and Murray State in a tournament that coach Penny Dean said would give the women a taste of "country flavor."

"Although no team scores were kept, we are pleased that we were the winningest team by a fair amount," Dean said. "It was our goal to play well and also have fun on this trip, and we feel we were able to accomplish both of those things."

The Falcons will continue competitive play after winter break, resuming play in January at Louisville, Ky. That tourney will mark the beginning of the spring season, as well as the dual-match portion of their schedule.

Florida's Tebow may be pressuring himself

By Mark Long
The Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Tim Tebow's pursuit of perfection might be causing him to play a little tight.

Former BG coach and current Florida coach Urban Meyer said yesterday his star quarterback could be putting so much pressure on himself that it's causing the top-ranked Gators to bog down on offense, especially inside the 20-yard line.

"I would say that there's a chance that's true," Meyer said. "That's a fault of Tim that he sometimes wants to. ... I do believe that's an issue. But is it that a great issue? Now you've got to be able to coach through that and work through that."

Tebow already has more turnovers (eight) through seven games than he did in all of 2007 (six) or 2008 (six), and he's been sacked 15 times. He was sacked just 13 times in 2007 and 15 times in 14 games last season. His most glaring struggles are in the red zone.

In Southeastern Conference play, Florida (7-0, 5-0 SEC) has just seven touchdowns in 25 trips inside the 20-yard line — a 28-percent rate that is alarming. The Gators scored TDs on 27 of 37 trips (73 percent) last year and 30 of 44 trips (68 percent) in 2007.

There have been fumbles, interceptions, missed field goals, penalties and sacks. Meyer even said yesterday the team made a mistake by going off the play-calling sheet in Saturday's 29-19 win at Mississippi State.

Tebow doesn't have any answers. He is clearly getting

"It could possibly be a good thing because that could give us a little bit of edge of, 'Hey, we haven't arrived and we've still got a lot of work to do.'"

Tim Tebow | Quarterback

disheartened with his team's offensive woes. He blew off his postgame interview session for the first time in three years in Starkville, Miss.

"It's kind of new and it is frustrating," Tebow said yesterday. "I'm not going to lie to you and say it's not frustrating because obviously we want to score [touchdowns] every time we get in the red zone, and the turnovers are frustrating, just things that we're not used to doing."

"It could possibly be a good thing because that could give us a little bit of edge of, 'Hey, we haven't arrived and we've still got a lot of work to do.' That's something to really motivate us because that's not us, that's not the way we've always played and it's just frustrating."

Tebow apologized for missing the interview session, saying he wanted to spend time with family members and his former position coach, Mississippi State coach Dan Mullen. Tebow said Mullen told him to, "Just go win another title. Everything's in front of you."

For the defending national champions to repeat, they probably need to get better production near the goal line.

In an effort to fix the problems, Meyer kept his assistant coaches late into Sunday night to break down every red-zone

snap of the season. They drew up a few new plays — maybe Tebow under center more often — and started practicing red-zone offense much earlier than normal.

Florida has taken 76 snaps inside the 20-yard line in SEC play, and the numbers offer a clear indication that something is amiss.

Tebow has carried 42 times for 76 yards and three touchdowns. He has been sacked five times and has two fumbles near the goal line, against Tennessee and Arkansas. Jeff Demps (11 carries for 57 yards and a TD), Chris Rainey (three for 12, TD) and Brandon James (one for 2) have been used considerably less.

Meyer acknowledged that the offense has been too predictable near the goal line.

Tebow also has struggled to throw the ball in the red zone. He has completed just four of 16 passes for 27 yards, with no touchdowns and an interception. Mississippi State returned the pick 100 yards for a score.

His numbers are even worse when analyzing 29 snaps inside the 10. Tebow has carried 16 times for 19 yards, with three touchdowns and a fumble. He has completed just one pass for 5 yards, with an interception.

The one completion? It was a short pass to Aaron Hernandez,

who fumbled.

"Tim Tebow is not playing at his highest level," Meyer said. "He's playing as hard as he ever can. But it's a multitude of stuff. We've got to do a better job of getting him in successful positions, and everybody else has to pick up their level of play."

The Gators will try to do things better Saturday against rival Georgia in Jacksonville.

The Gators are still undefeated and lead the SEC in scoring offense, rushing offense and total offense. But those numbers include lopsided wins against Charleston Southern and Troy to start the season. Anyone who has watched Florida in against SEC foes Tennessee, LSU, Arkansas and Mississippi State would know something's not right.

"I feel like every game we go into is going to be a championship-caliber game," defensive lineman Terron Sanders said. "Everybody is going to bring their best and we've seen it. We don't see it letting up any time soon."

Is all that pressure getting to Tebow? He did open fall practice talking about wanting to lead Florida to its first perfect season.

"I don't think it's getting to me," Tebow said. "Do I have a lot of pressure on me? Do I put pressure on me? Yeah. I put a lot more pressure than y'all could possibly put on me, so I don't think that's getting to me. I think just wanting to excel, wanting everything to be right. Yeah, that is frustrating not doing it, but I think that would have been every year, not just this year."

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The Sudoku World of Tim Brown



FRED-EX: Freddie Barnes was named a semifinalist for the 2009 Fred Biletnikoff Award yesterday.

HITTING THE HOLE

BG's run defense has not been up to par this season, as the team has allowed 208.9 rushing yards per game, while only allowing 179.4 yards through the air each game. Opponents have also earned many of their biggest plays on the ground, including two runs of at least 80 yards and four of more than 65 yards. BG's first-year coach Dave Clawson said before the season that the run defense was more of a concern than the pass defense, and, as the stats below indicate, he was right.

Week	Opponent	Rushing (Team)	Rushing (Individual)	Long	Passing (Team)	Passing (individual)	Long
1	Troy	41 yards	Jerrel Jernigan (30)	10	263 yards	Levi Brown (263)	25
2	No. 25 Missouri	181 yards	Derrick Washington (120)	18	172 yards	Blaine Gabbert (172)	22
3	Marshall	246 yards	Darius Marshall (186)	80	100 yards	Brian Anderson (100)	22
4	No. 8 Boise State	267 yards	Doug Martin (116)	71	262 yards	Kellen Moore (247)	31
5	Ohio	216 yards	Chris Garrett (120)	68	203 yards	Theo Scott (203)	45
6	Kent State	202 yards	Sam Kirkland (86)	86	141 yards	Spencer Keith (141)	58
7	Ball State	273 yards	MiQuale Lewis (115)	40	131 yards	Tanner Justice (92)	26
8	Central Michigan	259 yards	Dan LeFevour (128)	33	147 yards	Dan LeFevour (147)	29

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over as they still have to face Buffalo's Ike Nduka (81.1 yards per game) and Toledo's Dujuan Collins (81.4 yards per game) this season.

Miami quarterback Zak Dysert is also a threat to run, but not as much of one as LeFevour was Saturday. But against a Falcon team allowing 208.9 rushing yards per game, that could change.

But at 6-foot-4, 215 pounds, the Falcons likely won't make the same mistake they did Saturday against LeFevour.

"The big thing with LeFevour ... you don't really realize the size that he has until you see him in person," Brown said. "That was the biggest thing, trying to tackle him. He's a big guy, and he runs hard."

Listed at 6-foot-3, 238 pounds, LeFevour certainly possesses the size of a typical running back, which makes up for what he loses in quickness and agility because he is a quarterback by

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Jahmal Brown | Safety



Dan LeFevour
Rushed for 128 yards as a quarterback Saturday



Ike Nduka
Will be the next running back to face BG

Our offensive line, a few times he didn't get touched for 7 or 8 yards, so hats off to them."

But for BG, watching opponents run the ball has become a trend, as teams have rushed the 291 times this season while only attempting 207 passes. That disparity ballooned in the last two games when Ball State and Central Michigan combined to run the ball 86 times while throwing only 52 times.



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BIG PLAY: Theo Scott crosses the goal line after a 68-yard touchdown against the Falcons earlier this season.

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being considered for a Heisman Trophy — something that obviously won't happen — and again, he was very respectful of others.

"I've been able to make some plays for the team and that's only because the way my teammates and my coaching staff believe in me," he said. "I would never see myself saying such a thing because I watch football all the time ... and there's a lot of great players out there. I would see myself as disrespecting some of those guys."

Because the level of competition is recommended to be factored into the voting for the award, it's unlikely Barnes will win the award, since players like Tate and Shipley are putting up strong numbers against a more difficult schedule.

Nonetheless, the Barn Burner is handily leading the nation in receptions (99) and receiving yards (1,054), while also leading in receiving touch-

downs with nine.

He's also set new school records for receptions in a game (22) and career (242 and counting) and receiving yards in a game (278). If he gets 84 more yards — which he should get next Tuesday at Buffalo — he will own the school record for receiving yards in a season, with three games remaining.

Just another veteran on the team before the season, Barnes quickly emerged as quarterback Tyler Sheehan's go-to guy after nabbing a school-record 15 passes in the season opener against Troy. Since then, Barnes has broken that record twice, falling just short of an NCAA record with 22 catches against Kent State.

As a contender for the Mid-American Conference Player of the Year award was somewhat of an afterthought for the NFL Draft after an injury-plagued 2008 campaign, but times seem to be changing.

And who knows, maybe next season Barnes will be coming to a city near you. At least you will know what his name is.

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game's first try as he brushed off tacklers and outran the defense from 25 yards out. He went on to convert his own try giving the Falcons a 7-0 lead.

Mauer, the team's leading scorer this season, capped off the first half scoring the next two tries for the Falcons from long range giving the Falcons a 21-0 halftime lead.

"We found that if we slipped Rocco Mauer some place where he could come into the line from somewhere else," said Director of Rugby Roger Mazzarella. "From there, he can pick a hole. When he's out on the wing, he has to wait for the ball so we found this to be very successful."

Notre Dame came out in the second half fired up as they scored on a penalty kick and a try. But the Fighting Irish's comeback would end there.

Mauer went on to score

another try to bring the score to 28-8 and it unchanged until the final whistle.

"He just moves so quick," Mazzarella said. "Once he gets going, he's almost untouchable."

BG was plagued by blown tries throughout the second half. A blown try is when a team gets inside the 10-yard line but fails to score. This happened on four occasions for the Falcons in the second half, as they failed to blow the game wide open.

Despite the victory, the team feels improvement is necessary at this point in the season.

Mazzarella said dropped passes, overall team fitness and remaining focused throughout a match are important areas the team will address in practice this week.

"We were just working on improving on our overall team intensity for Notre Dame," Mauer said. "We performed very well overall, but still need to tighten up a few little things before we play Ohio State."

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SIDELINES



VOLLEYBALL

Luther named MAC Player of the Week

Senior Shari Luther was named the Mid-American Conference East Division Offensive Player of the Week for the second time this season. Luther had a successful weekend, hitting .484 against Ball State and .429 against Toledo while also recording 29 total kills. She had just two errors on the weekend and recorded two aces.

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Sports History

1986—The New York Mets finish off the Red Sox in an infamous World Series.

1985—The New York Yankees front office members fire Billy Martin — for the fourth time.

The List

Freddie Barnes was named a semifinalist for the 2009 Fred Biletnikoff Award. Here are five reasons he was nominated:

1. Receiving yards:

Barnes leads the nation in receiving yards with 1,054 and set a BG single-game record with 278 yards against Kent State.

2. Receptions:

Barnes also leads the nation in receptions with 99, which ties the BG single-season record and leads the nation. He was one reception short of tying an NCAA record with 22 grabs against Kent State.

3. Touchdowns:

Barnes also leads the nation in receiving touchdowns with nine. Seven of those scores came during the past four games.

4. Leadership:

As a dedicated leader, Barnes' character likely helped vault him onto the list of semifinalists.

5. Consistency:

Through eight games, Barnes has caught at least 10 passes six times. The only two teams to keep him to fewer receptions were Ohio (7) and Boise State (4).



GANG UP: Central Michigan quarterback Dan LeFevour is tackled by BG's Brandon Jackson (left), Nick Torresso (bottom) and Keith Morgan (right) during Saturday's game. CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

Running blind

LeFevour latest to take advantage of BG run defense

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

And in a flash, he was gone again.

For the sixth time this season, an opposing player rushed for more than 100 yards against the Falcon defense. Against Central Michigan Saturday, it was quarterback Dan LeFevour.

Following in the tracks left behind by Missouri's Derrick Washington, Marshall's Darius Marshall, Boise State's Doug Martin, Ohio's Chris Garrett and Ball State's MiQuale Lewis, LeFevour torched the Falcon defense for 128 yards on 22 carries.

Coming into the game as the team's leading rusher with 394 yards and a career total of 2,629 yards, it wasn't a surprise to see the senior quarterback take off on his own so often against an inexperienced, undersized BG defense.

As one of the few veterans on defense, safety Jahmal Brown, said the team came into the game prepared but didn't execute well enough to stop LeFevour's attack.

"We had a pretty good defensive game plan," Brown said. "It was a matter of going out and executing. We missed a lot of tackles today."

Missing blocks and tackles has been the case all season, as first-year coach

Dave Clawson has put forth that excuse several times this season after a weak performance against the run. These problems have caused his defense to fall to 112th in the country.

"We have not really defended the run well all year," Clawson said on Saturday. "We're a little undersized up front, we're not getting off of blocks and we're missing too many tackles. The film's out there, and people see it."

And unless something changes, the Falcons will likely continue to get run

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Barnes
deserves
acceptance
as top
receiver



If you mentioned the name Freddie Barnes to someone across the country last season, you likely would have gotten some fairly strange looks.

Had you done the same thing at the beginning of this season, the same thing probably would have happened.

But now, his name is becoming more synonymous with stud receiver and Biletnikoff semifinalist than dull looks from college football fans.

Named one of 10 semifinalists for the 2009 Fred Biletnikoff Award, which is given annually to college football's best wide receiver, Barnes is getting deserved credit for a stellar senior season, as his name is placed alongside Heisman Trophy candidate Jordan Shipley and other stars such as Notre Dame's Golden Tate and Minnesota's Eric Decker.

But if you ask the Barn Burner what he thinks of it all, he'll tell you all the credit belongs to his teammates. When asked what he thought of possibly being named a finalist on Oct. 14, Barnes was very humbled.

"That would mean a lot, because as a competitor, everybody wants to be the best and coming into the season you want to put your best foot forward," Barnes said. "That would just mean some guys appreciated some of the things I've done thus far."

Those guys are a committee of more than 50 prominent journalists, commentators, announcers and former players put together by the Tallahassee Quarterback Club Foundation, according to the official Biletnikoff Award Web site. Past winners of the award include Randy Moss, Larry Fitzgerald and Michael Crabtree and most winners have had respectable NFL careers.

The three finalists will be announced on Nov. 19.

Barnes was also asked that day what he would think about

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ANOTHER WIN: The Falcon rugby team is now 3-0 in the Midwest after defeating Notre Dame. CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

BG rugby continues winning streak

By CJ Watson
Reporter

"He just moves so quick. Once he gets going, he's almost untouchable."

Roger Mazzarella | On Rocco Mauer

After being moved to full back for the game, Rocco Mauer found his way through Notre Dame and led the BG rugby team this weekend, scoring three tries in the contest.

Despite playing without two of the team's key players — prop Duane Miller and flanker Tony Brown — the Falcons handled Notre Dame Sunday, winning the contest 28-8 as the A-squad remained undefeated in the

Midwest League at 3-0. The team's overall record is 18-2 as the B- and C-squads also won at South Bend.

The first 20 minutes resembled a chess match, where neither team could get anywhere close to the goal line. The second part of the first half was

much different, as the Falcons opened up the field and exploited the Fighting Irish's forward-oriented style of play.

Nick Viviani started where he left off last week, scoring the

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Falcons post strong results in final fall tournament

By Morgan Carlson
Reporter

Though team scores were not kept at this weekend's Belmont Fall Invitational, it was clear that the BG women's tennis team was at the top of the pack, with a 16-6 singles record and 9-2 doubles mark for the two-day tournament.

Marking the end of the fall tennis season, the four-team tournament was held in Nashville, Tenn., and hosted by Belmont University.

In singles action, Christine Chiricosta went 3-0 and Jessica Easdale posted a 2-0 record. Katia Babina, Maddy Eccleston, Katie Grubb, Jade Johnson and Samantha Kintzel each defeated two of their opponents before finishing with 2-1 scores across the board. Mary-Catherine Beck ended the tournament with a 1-1 record.

The tournament was held indoors at the Centennial Sportsplex, and this indoor play is a preview of what is to come for the majority of the spring season. Indoor play is different, but not always a bad thing, according to Johnson.

"Playing indoors doesn't affect our matches for the most part," Johnson said. "At times, playing indoors is an advantage, because the wind, the weather



Christine Chiricosta

Went 3-0 in singles action on the last fall weekend

and the climate outside can sometimes give us a disadvantage and mess up our game styles.

"Some [members] of our team love playing outdoors, and some love playing indoors. Playing indoors is a really just a preference."

For the Falcons, this was their first time in the South, playing against BU, Chattanooga and Murray State in a tournament that coach Penny Dean said would give the women a taste of "country flavor."

"Although no team scores were kept, we are pleased that we were the winningest team by a fair amount," Dean said. "It was our goal to play well and also have fun on this trip, and we feel we were able to accomplish both of those things."

The Falcons will continue competitive play after winter break, resuming play in January at Louisville, Ky. That tourney will mark the beginning of the spring season, as well as the dual-match portion of their schedule.

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Boo! Cop accused of pulling gun at haunted house

BALTIMORE — Authorities say a Baltimore city police officer pulled his gun on a chain-saw-wielding haunted house worker who was trying to get "one last scream" out of him. Baltimore County police said Sgt. Eric Janik has been charged with assault for pulling his service weapon on the worker, who was dressed up as the killer from "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre."

Police say the employee approached Janik after the haunted house tour was over Sunday night. Police say Janik pulled his service weapon and pointed it at the man's chest. The man dropped the chain saw, which had no chain and was not dangerous.

Charging documents show that Janik smelled of alcohol and told different stories about what he did with the gun.

Janik has been suspended with pay, pending a formal suspension hearing.

— Ben Nuckols (AP)

Ohio man's ring returned at wake after 57 years

AKRON (AP) — An Ohio man was shocked to have his high school ring back after 57 years and was surprised by where it was returned: at the wake for his high school sweetheart. Joe Lepera, 75, had dated Sharon Coddington Gainer for two years, but they broke up when he joined the Air Force following his 1952 graduation from Akron Central High School.

He saw the obituary after her death earlier this month and went to the funeral home in the Akron area, Oct. 11.

Lepera said he was tapped on the shoulder by Bill Gainer, the man who eventually married his old flame. Gainer handed over the class ring that his wife had been given by Lepera when the two were an item.

Gainer said his wife had instructed him to return the ring if Lepera visited the funeral home.

Minnesota group picks up road trash while packing heat

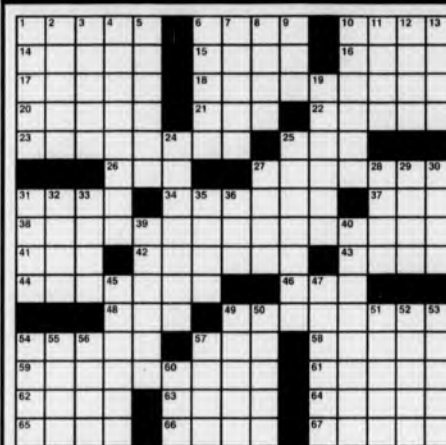
MENDOTA HEIGHTS, Minn. (AP) — Motorists in Mendota Heights might have seen a group of residents picking up trash while packing heat this weekend. About a dozen people spent nearly three hours picking up litter Sunday along a 2-mile stretch of highway. All legally carried guns on their hips. It was the inaugural trash cleanup event for the group that calls itself the Minnesota Carry Permit Holders.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation said the group is legal, and it appreciates their efforts to keep the roadside clean.

The group members met online and decided to get together and do something good for the community.

One member is Jason Walberg, who collected trash with a semiautomatic handgun on his belt. He jokes their adopted highway is the safest stretch of road in the state.

The Daily Crossword Fix



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Norwegian accused of skin-crawling snake smuggling

OSLO (AP) — A man has been arrested in Norway trying to smuggle two dozen snakes and geckos into the country by hiding them under his clothes.

Customs agent Helge Breilid said yesterday the 22-year-old Norwegian citizen was apprehended in the southern town of Kristiansand after getting off a ferry from Hirtshals, Denmark. He said the man had 14 royal pythons and 10 albino leopard geckos under his clothes.

Breilid said the non-venomous snakes — the smallest species in the python family — were hidden in stockings duct-taped to the man's abdomen. The geckos were in boxes taped to his thighs.

Customs officials found the reptiles, which are not endangered, Sunday during a search following the discovery of a tarantula in one of the man's bags.

Georgia woman scares off burglar by acting like a dog

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Police are investigating after an Athens woman scared off a would-be burglar by acting like a dog. The Athens Banner-Herald reported yesterday that the woman scared off the suspect around 11 p.m. Saturday. According to police, the woman got on the floor and began scratching at the door and acting like a large dog when the suspicious man tried turning the woman's door knob.

The police report did not say what specific dog-like behaviors, such as barking, the woman mimicked.

The woman said the man, who appeared to be homeless, quickly ran from the porch.

Police searched the neighborhood for him, but were unsuccessful.

One-legged suspect caught with one stolen shoe

BRUSSELS (AP) — Police said a one-legged suspect was caught after only one shoe went missing in a store in Belgium. An amputee was an immediate suspect when a store attendant found one shoe missing from a shop in the western Belgian town of Maldegem. Police spokesman Rik Decraemer said yesterday authorities were alerted and quickly found the man who fit the description by shopkeepers. The shoe was also recovered.

The suspect, a Russian asylum seeker, faces possible charges and was handed over to judicial authorities.

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Beef spills on Massachusetts highway after truck overturns

WESTON, Mass. (AP) — Police say a truck loaded with sides of beef overturned on the Massachusetts Turnpike, spilling meat along the highway by a toll plaza.

State police say the chain-reaction crash happened at about 2:30 a.m. Monday at a toll booth in Weston, about 15 miles west of Boston.

Sgt. Michael Popovics says a truck carrying tomatoes was stopped at a cash-only lane when a car and two other trucks approached from behind. The last truck in line — the one carrying the beef — struck a third truck carrying plastic foam cups.

The car driver suffered minor injuries.

The scene was cleared by about 10:30 a.m. The crash remains under investigation.



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For Yosemite bears, dinner more likely to arrive in a minivan

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Minivans are more attractive than other types of vehicles in the eyes of black bears in Yosemite National Park, according to a study published this month in the Journal of Mammalogy.

Park scientists have found that the bears tore up minivans more frequently than other

types of vehicles. It found that minivans represented 29 percent of the 908 vehicles torn into by bears between 2001 and 2007, even though they made up just 7 percent of the cars that visited Yosemite.

The researchers investigated the relationship after noticing that bears seemed to target that particular vehicle type.

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